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Belles of the Ball

Christmas Debs, A Double Dozen, Bow in Early

IT MAY SEEM a bit early to be planning a December party, but the annual Washington Debutants Ball is already shaping up as a glamorous pre-Christmas event.

Twenty-four debutantes have been chosen (by a secret committee) to make their bows at the Ball, which will take place on Dec. 22 in the Mayflower Hotel Ballroom.

Mrs. Desmond FitzGerald, mother of one of the debs, is chairman of the Ball, heading a committee of other debutante mothers. The orchestra will be Lester Lanin, a favorite of debs from coast to coast, who at President Kennedy's request played for one of the Inaugural Balls.

The debutantes, their parents and escorts will have a dinner party at the Mayflower before the Ball. Then the debs—all in white, floor-length gowns—will be presented by their fathers. Dads also have the first dance with the debutantes after the bows are made.

MAKING their curtsies to society at the Dec. 22 ball will be Grace Morris Barlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Barlow; Sylvia Barnard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnard; Penelope Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gamble Jr.; Edith Celestine Emmet, daughter of Mrs. Eustis Emmet.

Also, Lucinda Friendly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Friendly; Elizabeth Morris Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Graham; Virginia Peters Hagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hagner; Courtney Stillwell Hagner and Marguerite Colton Hagner, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hagner Jr.

Cynthia Arden Hiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hiss; Maria Byrd Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Keith; Barbara Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond FitzGerald; Eliza Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon; Nancy Taylor Mackall, Laidler Mackall; Barbara daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore McCune, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William McCune; Dorothy Anne Mead, daughter of Mrs. Frank R. Mead Jr., Virginia Lawrence Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Parker.

Kate Davis Putnam, daughter of Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Elwood Quesada; Diana Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Russell; Ann Sabin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hilbert Sabin; Julie Laffingwell von Schrader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Atteus von Schrader; Janet Maddox West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard West Jr.; Sally Hooker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hooker; and Martha Leroy Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evan M. Wilson.

To Live in Hyattsville

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hunter Spotts Jr., who were married on June 10 in Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Takoma Park, Md., will make their home in Hyattsville, Md. Mrs. Spotts is the former Eleanor Mary Loeffler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Loeffler of Hyattsville. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hunter Spotts of Takoma Park.

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